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activities. In checking State's records Barthelemy found that in his confirmation hearings as Ambassador to Iran Mr. Helms was asked the same question and responded that the Soviets spend twice as much as is spent on the Radios. Barthelemy wondered if there was any objection to their referring to this. I told that since this was testimony by Helms before the Foreign Relations Committee as Ambassador-designee I saw no reason why State witnesses could not refer to his testimony.

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Guy McConnell, Senate Appropriations
Committee staff, called off the record to advise us that Senators McClellan,
Young and Pastore met today with Senators Cranston and Scott to discuss
Cranston's request that there be some disclosure of intelligence budget
figures. According to McConnell, Cranston referred to a statement by
Mr. Schlesinger before the Senate Armed Services Committee to the effect
that he thought there would be no objection to disclosure of an overall budget
figure. Both McClellan and Pastore felt that under the circumstances such
a figure might be made public. Senator Young was a little more reluctant
to go along with the idea. McClellan mentioned that the Intelligence Operations
Subcommittee would be reviewing the Agency budget in the near future and
would give consideration to Senator Cranston's desires at that time. Cranston
apparently pushed for a breakout of the total figures for CIA, DIA, and NSA.

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5. (Talked to Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, who said that Senator Symington was still planning to have Mr. Colby appear in open session for confirmation hearings on Monday, 2 July. Braswell said on this occasion Symington planned to go into questions relating to the authority under which the Agency was operating in Laos.